

CLAIMS

1. An information presentation system connected to a user terminal through a network to provide a program schedule to the user terminal, the program schedule representing an on-tour program that allows a user to access web sites, said information presentation system comprising:

a tour history data storing unit having a tour history data item stored therein, the tour history data item representing a web tour history designating selected web sites;

a screenplay data storing unit having a screenplay data item stored therein, the screenplay data item representing timing to access the selected web sites designated by the tour history data item, comments about the selected web sites, and timing to display the comments about the selected web sites, the tour history data item and the screenplay data item together forming the program schedule; and

a program schedule manager operable to supply the program schedule to the user terminal in response to a request from the user terminal.

2. An information presentation system connected to a user terminal through a network to provide a program schedule to the user terminal, the program schedule representing an on-tour program that allows a user to access web sites during which a character explains about the web sites to the user, said information presentation system comprising:

a tour history data storing unit having a tour history data item stored therein, the tour history data item representing a web tour history designating selected web sites;

a character data storing unit having a character data item stored therein, the character data item including an image of the character;

a screenplay data storing unit having a screenplay data item stored therein, the screenplay data item representing timing to access the selected

web sites designated by the tour history data item, timing to display the image of the character, comments of the character about the selected web sites, and timing to display the comments of the character, the tour history data item, the screenplay data item and the character data item together forming the program schedule; and

a program schedule manager operable to supply the program schedule to the user terminal in response to a request from the user terminal.

3. An information presentation system as claimed in claim 2, further comprising an index data storage unit having program index data stored therein, wherein said program schedule manager supplies the program index data to the user terminal in response to a request from the user terminal.

4. An information processing system connected to a network and having a display device and a web browser having a display window, comprising:

a communication controller operable to receive program schedules through the network, each of the program schedules including a tour history data item and a screenplay data item, the tour history data item representing a web tour history designating selected web sites, and the screenplay data item representing timing to access the selected web sites designated by the tour history data item, comments about the selected web sites, and timing to display the comments about the selected web sites;

a program schedule decoder operable to decode the program schedules received by said communication controller; and

a screen display controller operable to control the web browser to achieve automatic access to the selected web sites in accordance with the tour history data item and the screenplay data item in a program schedule received by the communication controller, and to control the display device to display the display window of the web browser and the comments about the selected web sites.

5. An information processing system connected to a network and having a display device and a web browser having a display window, comprising:

a communication controller operable to receive program schedules

through the network, each of the program schedules including a tour history data item representing a web tour history designating selected web sites, a character data item including an image of the character, and a screenplay data item representing timing to access the selected web sites designated by the tour history data item, timing to display the image of the character, comments of the character about the selected web sites, and timing to display the comments of the character;

a program schedule decoder operable to decode the program schedules received by said communication controller; and

a screen display controller operable to control the web browser to achieve automatic access to the selected web sites in accordance with the tour history data item and the screenplay data item in a program schedule received by the communication controller, and to control the display device to display the display window of the web browser, the image of the character, and the comments of the character about the selected web sites.

6. An information processing system as claimed in claim 5, further comprising a web site storing unit, wherein said program schedule decoder accesses beforehand all of the selected web sites designated by the tour history data item and stores information about the selected web sites in said web site storing unit.

7. A method for providing a program schedule to a user terminal having a display device and a web browser connected to a provider through a network, the program schedule representing an on-tour program that allows a user to access web sites, the method comprising:

supplying the program schedule from the provider to the user terminal, the program schedule including a tour history data item and a screenplay data item, the tour history data item representing a web tour history designating selected web sites, and the screenplay data item representing timing to access the selected web sites designated by the tour history data item, comments about the selected web sites, and timing to display the comments about the selected web sites;

decoding the program schedule in the user terminal; and

controlling the web browser to achieve automatic access to the selected web sites in accordance with the tour history data item and the screenplay data item, and controlling the display device to display a display window of the web browser and the comments about the selected web sites.

8. A method for providing a program schedule to a user terminal having a display device and a web browser connected to a provider through a network, the program schedule representing an on-tour program that allows a user to access web sites during which a character explains about the web sites to the user, the method comprising:

supplying the program schedule from the provider to the user terminal, the program schedule including a tour history data item representing a web tour history designating selected web sites, a character data item including an image of the character, and a screenplay data item representing timing to access the selected web sites designated by the tour history data item, timing to display the image of the character, comments of the character about the selected web sites, and timing to display the comments of the character;

decoding the program schedule in the user terminal; and

controlling the web browser to achieve automatic access to the selected web sites in accordance with the tour history data item and the screenplay data item, and controlling the display device to display a display window of the web browser, the image of the character, and the comments of the character about the selected web sites.

9. A method for a user to receive a program schedule at a user terminal having a display device and a web browser connected to a network, the program schedule representing an on-tour program that allows the user to access web sites, the method comprising:

receiving the program schedule through the network, the program schedule including a tour history data item and a screenplay data item, the tour history data item representing a web tour history designating selected web sites, and

the screenplay data item representing timing to access the selected web sites designated by the tour history data item, comments about the selected web sites, and timing to access the comments about the selected web sites;

decoding the program schedule;

controlling the web browser to achieve automatic access to the selected web sites in accordance with the tour history data item and the screenplay data item; and

controlling the display device to display a display window of the web browser and the comments about the selected web sites.

10. A method for a user to receive a program schedule at a user terminal having a display device and a web browser connected to a network, the program schedule representing an on-tour program that allows the user to access web sites during which a character explains about the web sites to the user, the method comprising:

receiving the program schedule through the network, the program schedule including a tour history data item representing a web tour history designating selected web sites, a character data item including an image of the character, and a screenplay data item representing timing to access the selected web sites designated by the tour history data item, timing to display the image of the character, comments of the character about the selected web sites, and timing to display the comments of the character;

decoding the program schedule;

controlling the web browser to achieve automatic access to the selected web sites in accordance with the tour history data item and the screenplay data item; and

controlling the display device to display a display window of the web browser, the image of the character, and the comments of the character about the selected web sites.

11. A computer-readable data storage medium recorded with a program

for causing a computer to provide a program schedule to a user terminal having a display device and a web browser connected to the computer through a network, the program schedule representing an on-tour program that allows a user to access web sites, the program comprising:

sending the program schedule to the user terminal, the program schedule including a tour history data item and a screenplay data item, the tour history data item representing a web tour history designating selected web sites, and the screenplay data item representing timing to access the selected web sites designated by the tour history data item, comments about the selected web sites, and timing to display the comments about the selected web sites; and

directing the user terminal to decode the program schedule, to control the web browser to achieve automatic access to the selected web sites in accordance with the tour history data item and the screenplay data item, and to control the display device to display a display window of the web browser and the comments about the selected web sites.

12. A computer-readable data storage medium recorded with a program for causing a computer to provide a program schedule to a user terminal having a display device and a web browser connected to the computer through a network, the program schedule representing an on-tour program that allows a user to access web sites during which a character explains about the web sites to the user, the program comprising:

sending the program schedule to the user terminal, the program schedule including a tour history data item representing a web tour history designating selected web sites, a character data item including an image of the character, and a screenplay data item representing timing to access the selected web sites designated by the tour history data item, timing to display the image of the character, comments of the character about the selected web sites, and timing to display the comments of the character; and

directing the user terminal to decode the program schedule, to

control the web browser to achieve automatic access to the selected web sites in accordance with the tour history data item and the screenplay data item, and to control the display device to display a display window of the web browser, the image of the character, and the comments of the character about the selected web sites.

13. A computer-readable data storage medium recorded with a program for causing a computer to provide a user with a program schedule at a user terminal having a display device and a web browser connected to a network, the program schedule representing an on-tour program that allows the user to access web sites, the program comprising:

receiving the program schedule through the network, the program schedule including a tour history data item and a screenplay data item, the tour history data item representing a web tour history designating selected web sites, and the screenplay data item representing timing to access the selected web sites designated by the tour history data item, comments about the web sites, and timing to display the comments about the web sites;

decoding the program schedule;

controlling the web browser to achieve automatic access to the selected web sites in accordance with the tour history data item and the screenplay data item; and

controlling the display device to display a display window of the web browser and the comments about the selected web sites.

14. A computer-readable data storage medium recorded with a program for causing a computer to provide a user with a program schedule at a user terminal having a display device and a web browser connected to a network, the program schedule representing an on-tour program that allows the user to access web sites during which a character explains about the web sites to the user, the program comprising:

receiving the program schedule through the network, the program schedule including a tour history data item representing a web tour history

designating selected web sites, a character data item including an image of the character, and a screenplay data item representing timing to access the selected web sites designated by the tour history data item, timing to display the image of the character, comments of the character about the selected web sites, and timing to display the comments of the character;

decoding the program schedule;

controlling the web browser to achieve automatic access to the selected web sites in accordance with the tour history data item and the screenplay data item; and

controlling the display device to display a display window of the web browser, the image of the character, and the comments of the character about the selected web sites.